

House Study Bill 554

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to civil damages payable for unlawful taking of
2 certain animals and fish.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5452DP 81
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1 1 Section 1. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, paragraphs d
1 2 and e, Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 d. For each ~~fish~~, reptile, mussel, or amphibian, fifteen
1 4 dollars.
1 5 e. For each beaver, bobcat, mink, otter, red fox, gray
1 6 fox, or raccoon, two hundred dollars.
1 7 Sec. 2. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
1 8 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 9 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. For each fish, reimbursement shall be
1 10 as follows:
1 11 (1) For each fish of a species with an established daily
1 12 limit greater than twenty=five, fifteen dollars.
1 13 (2) For each fish of a species other than paddlefish,
1 14 muskellunge, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye,
1 15 northern pike, channel catfish, flathead catfish, rainbow
1 16 trout, brown trout, or brook trout, with an established daily
1 17 limit of twenty=five or less, fifty dollars.
1 18 (3) For each paddlefish, five hundred dollars.
1 19 (4) For each muskellunge, five hundred dollars plus one
1 20 hundred dollars for each inch over fifty inches.
1 21 (5) For each largemouth bass, fifty dollars plus fifty
1 22 dollars for each inch over twenty=two inches.
1 23 (6) For each smallmouth bass, fifty dollars plus fifty
1 24 dollars for each inch over twenty inches.
1 25 (7) For each walleye, fifty dollars plus fifty dollars for
1 26 each inch over twenty=eight inches.
1 27 (8) For each northern pike, fifty dollars plus fifty
1 28 dollars for each inch over thirty=four inches.
1 29 (9) For each channel catfish, fifty dollars plus fifty
1 30 dollars for each inch over thirty inches.
1 31 (10) For each flathead catfish, fifty dollars plus fifty
1 32 dollars for each inch over twenty=eight inches.
1 33 (11) For each rainbow trout, fifty dollars plus fifty
1 34 dollars for each inch over eighteen inches.
2 1 (12) For each brown trout, fifty dollars plus fifty
2 2 dollars for each inch over eighteen inches.
2 3 (13) For each brook trout, fifty dollars plus fifty
2 4 dollars for each inch over fifteen inches.

EXPLANATION

2 5 This bill relates to the civil damages payable for the
2 6 unlawful taking of certain animals and fish.
2 7 The bill raises the fine for illegally taking a bobcat from
2 8 \$50 to \$200.
2 9 The bill changes the method for calculating damages for
2 10 illegally taking fish. Presently the damages for taking any
2 11 fish are \$15 per fish.
2 12 The bill provides that the damages for taking a fish of a
2 13 species with an established daily limit of greater than 25
2 14 remains \$15 per fish and provides that the damages for taking
2 15 a fish of a species with an established daily limit of 25 or
2 16 less is \$50, with some exceptions.
2 17 The exceptions include a paddlefish which is \$500, a
2 18 muskellunge which is \$500 plus \$100 for each inch over 50
2 19 inches, and a largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye,

2 20 northern pike, channel catfish, flathead catfish, rainbow
2 21 trout, brown trout, and brook trout, which is \$50 plus \$50 per
2 22 inch over a specified size, depending on the species of the
2 23 fish.
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